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1. OKAZ FOR MARCH 23 CARRIED FOLLOWING REPORT OF MEETING ON MARCH 22 BETWEEN SAUDI FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIALS AND EGYPTIAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER FOR FINANCIAL AFFAIRS. BEGIN QUOTE. RIYADH - SHEIKH MUHAMMAD ABA AL KHAIL, THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND NATIONAL ECONOMY, STATED FOLLOWING A MEETING WITH THE EGYPTIAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER FOR FINANCIAL AFFAIRS, DR. ABDUL MUN'EM AL QAISSOUMI, THAT THEY HAD DISCUSSED THE RESULTS OF THE RECENT MEETINGS THAT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN HELD BY THE GULF CORPORATION FOR EGYPTIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN RIYADH.

SHEIKH ABA AL KHAIL ADDED THAT THE DISCUSSIONS CENTERED ON THE FINANCIAL PLANS WHICH THE CORPORATION WOULD CARRY OUT IN COLLABORATION WITH EGYPT FOR EGYPTIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOP-

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MENT, ESPECIALLY THE PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS AND THE DEBTS OWED BY EGYPT TO COMMERCIAL AND INTERNATIONAL BANKS.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND NATIONAL ECONOMY ANNOUNCED THAT AGREEMENT ON THESE ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN REACHED, THAT THESE ARRANGEMENTS WOULD

BE EXECUTED SHORTLY, AND THAT THEY WOULD BE ANNOUNCED IN LESS THAN A MONTH. END QUOTE.

2. MINFIN OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 21 CONCERNING AID TO EGYPT THAT QUOTE SITUATION WAS TOTALLY FLUID AND NO DECISIONS HAD BEEN TAKEN -- WHETHER ASSISTANCE WOULD BE ADDITIONAL TO GODE, AND WHETHER WOULD BE ADMINISTERED INSIDE OF OUTSIDE OF GODE. UNQUOTE. EMBASSY HAS NOT YET HAD OPPORTUNITY TO CHECK OUT RESULTS OF MEETING WITH MINFIN.

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